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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU REQUEST TO SEND DELEGATION TO VISIT
WASHINGTON

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1. CONVEYED INFORMATION AND DEPT'S QUESTIONS SET FORTH REFTEL TO GOGB AMBASSADOR CORREIA ON JAN 19. EMPHASIZED THAT DEPT MUST HAVE MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION DELEGATION AND SUBJECTS DELEGATION WISHES TO RAISE IN ORDER TO ARRANGE MUTUALLY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, WHICH IN ANY CASE WILL BE DIFFICULT GIVEN SHORT NOTICE FOR VISIT.

2. REGARDING DELEGATION, CORREIA SIMPLY DOES NOT KNOW AS YET HOW DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED, EXCEPT THAT WILL BE AT LEVEL OF "CENTRAL COMMITTEE". THIS IS 70- MEMBER GOVERNING BODY OF PARTY, AND INCLUDES PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP. CORREIA DRAFTED TELEGRAM TO BISSAU ON JAN 19 FOR MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION.

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3. WE EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES

IN TALKS IN WASHINGTON WILL DEPEND ON SUBJECTS IT WISHES TO RAISE. INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. CORREIA SAID HE WOULD OBTAIN CLEARER IDEA FROM BISSAU AND COMMUNICATE THE RESPONSE, HOPEFULLY JAN 20 OR 21.

4. WE NOTED THAT CAPE VERDES QUESTION WAS AT THIS STAGE INTERNAL PORTUGUESE MATTER AND ONE INVOLVING PORTUGUESE/GUINEA-BISSAU RELATIONS, BUT NOT APPROPRIATE AT THIS POINT FOR DISCUSSION BY USG. CORREIA SAID THAT DELEGATION, LOOKING AHEAD TO INDEPENDENCE OF CAPE VERDES ISLANDS, WISHED ONLY PRESENT GUINEA-BISSAU AND PAIGC VIEWS FOR US INFORMATION, AND ALSO CONVEY RELATED INFORMATION ON INTERNAL SITUATION ON ISLANDS.

5. WE ALSO ASKED ABOUT TIMING OF DELEGATION VISIT. CORREIA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY HIS GOVERNMENT THAT DELEGATION WISHED TO VISIT IN JANUARY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS ALREADY JAN 19. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT DELEGATION VISIT MIGHT BE DELAYED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.
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